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SUBJECT: NEW SETTLEMENTS NEAR NABLUS

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1. WEST BANK ARABIC PRESS REPORTS PROMINENTLY IMMINENT
ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE NEW SETTLEMENTS IN NABLUS
REGION--HARIS, TAPUAH AND SILAT AS ZAHR--AS WELL AS
WHITE HOUSE CONCERN AT THIS DEVELOPMENT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM REFTEL, PLANNING FOR
THESE SETTLEMENTS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME.
THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTS FEBRUARY 2 THAT MILITARY
OUTPOSTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED RECENTLY AT TAPUAH
(COMMENTS: SOME 10 KM. DUE SOUTH OF NABLUS) AND SILAT
AS ZAHR WHILE 30 FAMILIES OF THE GUSH EMUNIM ARE
WAITING TO MOVE FROM NEARBY PE'ERIM (MASHAH) TO HARIS.
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ACCORDING TO GERSHON SHOFAT, POLITICAL SECRETARY OF
THE GUSH, POPULATING TAPUAH AND SILAT AZ ZAHR WILL BE
LEFT TO THE GOI.

3. COMMENT: AS WAS THE CASE AT QARNI SHOMRON, THE
GOI APPARENTLY INTENDS TO ESTABLISH SETTELEMENTS AT
TAPUAH AND SILAT AZ ZAHR IN TWO STAGES: FIRST, A MILITARY

CAMP, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, A CIVILIAN SETTLEMENT. WE
KNOW THESE AREAS WELL, AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY
PREVIOUS, PERMANENT, MILITARY OR QUASI-MILITARY ISRAELI
PRESENCE AT EITHER SITE. THE SAME HOLDS FOR HARIS.
IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL BE PINPOINTING THESE
SITES AND REPORTING ON THEIR STATUS. END COMMENT.
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